

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, the pending claims are: claims 1, and 3-57. Independent claims 1, 22, 24, and 31 have been amended. New claims 36-57 have been added. Support for these amendments can be found, for example, on page 3, lines 23-25; Figure 1 and the accompanying description on pages 6-8; page 7, lines 18-20, and page 13, lines 1-6. Dependent claims 6, 18-20, 25, and 35 have been amended to properly refer back to their respective independent claims.

None of the prior art cited by the Examiner discloses, teaches or suggests the added limitations of the amended claims or the new claims.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 650/843-4000, if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

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Respectfully submitted,


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